

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 4

Statistical Data for January 2006

March 2007

JANUARY 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	01/07	12/06	01/06
U.S.	151,924,000	144,275,000	7,649,000	5.0%	4.3%	5.1%
INDIANA	3,266,011	3,078,156	187,855	5.8%	4.7%	5.4%
EGR 4*	242,862	229,164	13,698	5.6%	4.5%	5.5%
Kokomo MSA**	47,325	44,102	3,223	6.8%	5.4%	7.0%
Lafayette MSA***	97,021	92,310	4,711	4.9%	3.9%	4.7%
Benton	4,756	4,476	280	5.9%	4.9%	5.7%
Carroll	10,789	10,241	548	5.1%	4.2%	5.4%
Cass	18,667	17,492	1,175	6.3%	5.0%	5.9%
Clinton	17,167	16,121	1,046	6.1%	4.8%	5.9%
Fountain	8,837	8,341	496	5.6%	4.4%	5.3%
Howard	39,246	36,509	2,737	7.0%	5.5%	7.2%
Miami	17,313	16,113	1,200	6.9%	5.8%	6.4%
Montgomery	19,986	19,054	932	4.7%	3.9%	4.5%
Tippecanoe	81,477	77,594	3,883	4.8%	3.8%	4.6%
Tipton	8,079	7,593	486	6.0%	5.0%	5.9%
Warren	4,798	4,578	220	4.6%	3.4%	4.5%
White	11,747	11,052	695	5.9%	4.6%	6.5%
Attica	1,679	1,613	66	3.9%	3.7%	3.8%
Crawfordsville	7,704	7,209	495	6.4%	5.5%	6.1%
Delphi	1,474	1,382	92	6.2%	5.9%	5.7%
Fowler	1,154	1,083	71	6.2%	5.0%	5.6%
Frankfort	7,512	6,915	597	7.9%	6.4%	7.9%
Kokomo	21,319	19,532	1,787	8.4%	6.7%	8.6%
Lafayette	33,770	31,946	1,824	5.4%	4.4%	5.3%
Logansport	8,527	7,893	634	7.4%	6.0%	6.4%
Monticello	2,555	2,362	193	7.6%	5.7%	9.2%
Peru	6,113	5,584	529	8.7%	7.2%	7.5%
Tipton	2,563	2,395	168	6.6%	5.9%	6.3%
Williamsport	1,015	973	42	4.1%	4.0%	5.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

Jan 2007 RANK	COUNTY	Jan 2007 RATE
19	Howard	7.0%
24	Miami	6.9%
38	Cass	6.3%
43	Clinton	6.1%
48	Tipton	6.0%
49	Benton	5.9%
51	White	5.9%
59	Fountain	5.6%
72	Carroll	5.1%
80	Tippecanoe	4.8%
84	Montgomery	4.7%
86	Warren	4.6%

*EGR 4 includes Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White counties

**Kokomo MSA includes Howard and Tipton counties

*** Lafayette MSA includes Benton, Carroll and Tippecanoe counties

*** All unemployment rates used are Not-Seasonally adjusted

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics — Indiana Workforce Development



REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in January. Overall, 26 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 18 states registered increases, and 6 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 10 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 4 states. The national unemployment rate was essentially unchanged in January at 4.6 percent.

Hawaii again recorded the lowest unemployment rate, 2.2 percent, in January. The states posting the next lowest rates were Utah and Wyoming at 2.6 percent each, Montana at 2.7 percent, and Virginia at 2.8 percent. Michigan reported the highest unemployment rate, 6.9 percent, followed by Alaska and South Carolina at 6.4 percent each and Mississippi at 6.2 percent. The District of Columbia recorded an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent.

In January, the South registered the lowest unemployment rate among the four regions, 4.2 percent, followed by the Northeast and West at 4.5 percent each. The Midwest continued to report the highest jobless rate, 5.0 percent. No region recorded a statistically significant unemployment rate change from December. In contrast, three of the four regions posted significant unemployment rate changes from a year earlier: the South (-0.4 percentage point), West (-0.3 point), and Northeast (-0.2 point).

SURROUNDING STATES JANUARY 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not-Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 4.6% Indiana – 5.8%
Kentucky – 5.6% Michigan – 6.9%
Ohio – 5.3%

LAFAYETTE MSA

(Benton, Carroll, and Tippecanoe Counties)

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	Jan 2007	Dec 2006	Jan 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				Dec 2006 TO Jan 2007		Jan 2006 TO Jan 2007	
Total Nonfarm	93,100	93,900	92,400	-800	-0.9%	+700	+0.8%
Total Private	65,700	67,200	65,100	-1,500	-2.2%	+600	+0.9%
Goods Producing	21,100	21,300	20,800	-200	-0.9%	+300	+1.4%
Service-Providing	72,000	72,600	71,600	-600	-0.8%	+400	+0.6%
Private Srvc Provider	44,600	45,900	44,300	-1,300	-2.8%	+300	+0.7%
Nat. Res & Construction	3,500	3,700	3,400	-200	-5.4%	+100	+2.9%
Manufacturing	17,600	17,600	17,400	+0	+0.0%	+200	+1.1%
Durable Goods	13,400	13,400	13,200	+0	+0.0%	+200	+1.5%
Non-Durable Goods	4,200	4,200	4,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utility	14,600	15,100	14,400	-500	-3.3%	+200	+1.4%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.3%
Retail Trade	10,400	10,900	10,400	-500	-4.6%	+0	+0.0%
Trans, Warehouse, Utility	2,200	2,200	2,100	+0	+0.0%	+100	+4.8%
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	3,600	3,700	3,700	-100	-2.7%	-100	-2.7%
Professional & Business	5,000	5,000	4,700	+0	+0.0%	+300	+6.4%
Educational and Health	9,400	9,600	9,600	-200	-2.1%	-200	-2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	8,100	8,400	7,900	-300	-3.6%	+200	+2.5%
Accommodation and Food	7,800	8,100	7,400	-300	-3.7%	+400	+5.4%
Other Services	2,800	3,000	2,900	-200	-6.7%	-100	-3.4%
Government	27,400	26,700	27,300	+700	+2.6%	+100	+0.4%
Federal Government	700	700	700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	20,100	19,300	20,000	+800	+4.1%	+100	+0.5%
Local Government	6,600	6,700	6,600	-100	-1.5%	+0	+0.0%
Local Govt Education	4,100	4,200	4,100	-100	-2.4%	+0	+0.0%

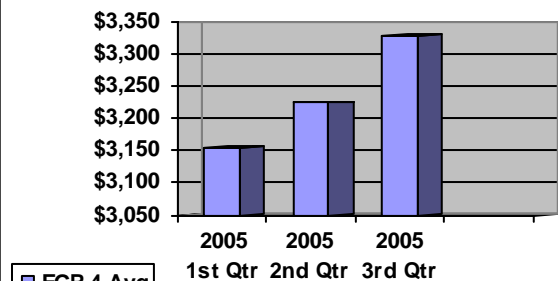
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



Economic Growth Region 4 Average Monthly Earnings, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Quarters 2005



■ EGR 4 Avg
Monthly
Earnings

1st Qtr 2005 - \$3,155
2nd Qtr 2005 - \$3,225
3rd Qtr 2005 - \$3,330

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Avg Monthly Earnings, 1, 2, 3 Quarters 2005.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Workforce Transition Unit

Local Office	January 2007	December 2006	Previous Month % Change	January 2006	Previous Year % Change
Kokomo	14,276	10,355	37.9%	14,313	-0.3%
Lafayette	18,222	11,668	56.2%	17,283	5.4%
INDIANA	427,630	298,213	43.4%	389,630	9.8%

	Jan 2007	Dec 2006	Jan 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				Dec 2006 TO Jan 2007		Jan 2006 TO Jan 2007	
Total Nonfarm	46,800	48,000	46,700	-1,200	-2.5%	+100	+0.2%
Total Private	39,300	40,300	39,200	-1,000	-2.5%	+100	+0.3%
Goods Producing	16,400	16,800	16,800	-400	-2.4%	-400	-2.4%
Service-Providing	30,400	31,200	29,900	-800	-2.6%	+500	+1.7%
Private Srvc Provider	22,900	23,500	22,400	-600	-2.6%	+500	+2.2%
Nat. Res & Construction	1,200	1,300	1,300	-100	-7.7%	-100	-7.7%
Manufacturing	15,200	15,500	15,500	-300	-1.9%	-300	-1.9%
Durable Goods	14,300	14,500	14,600	-200	-1.4%	-300	-2.1%
Transportation Equipment	11,600	11,800	12,300	-200	-1.7%	-700	-5.7%
Trade, Transportation, Util	7,700	8,000	7,500	-300	-3.8%	+200	+2.7%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	5,900	6,200	5,700	-300	-4.8%	+200	+3.5%
Trans, Warehouse, Utility	800	800	800	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	400	400	300	+0	+0.0%	+100	+33.3%
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	1,500	+0	+0.0%	-100	-6.7%
Professional and Business	3,200	3,200	2,900	+0	+0.0%	+300	+10.3%
Educational and Health	3,900	4,000	3,700	-100	-2.5%	+200	+5.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,100	4,200	4,300	-100	-2.4%	-200	-4.7%
Other Services	2,200	2,300	2,200	-100	-4.3%	+0	+0.0%
Government	7,500	7,700	7,500	-200	-2.6%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	6,200	6,400	6,300	-200	-3.1%	-100	-1.6%
Local Govt Education	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-3.6%	-100	-3.6%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports...



Women hold half of all management and professional jobs in the United States, although often concentrated in certain fields, writes Vicky Elmer in The Washington Post (page D2). Nearly two-thirds of all education administration and three-quarters of all human resources managers are women, but only 6 percent of construction managers and 11.7 percent of transportation and distribution supervisors are, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' annual "Women in the Labor force: A Databook". About 30 percent of lawyers are women, but 86 percent of paralegals and 75 percent of legal support staff members are women. One-third of doctors and surgeons and nearly two-thirds of physicians' assistants are women. In the engineering and computer world, however, women hold fewer than half the jobs. Median weekly pay for women who worked full time last year was \$585, or 81 percent of men's.

Fed up with rising labor costs, a new generation of entrepreneurs is launching millions of tiny companies differing from business in the past: They don't want employees. The trend, building since the late 1990s, hit a milestone this year when the number of these microbusinesses reached 20 million — one for every six private-sector workers, a new analysis of government data shows. In place of paid employees, owners harness new technologies to outsource work, often linking up with other like-minded entrepreneurs to get jobs done in a virtual assembly line spanning the globe. *USA Today*, "Microbusinesses find huge benefits in outsourcing," http://www.usatoday.com/money/smallbusiness/2006-12-10-micros-usat_x.htm.

The New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce, organized by the National Center on Education and the Economy, a nonprofit organization focusing on building a world-class education and training system, recommends that the federal government create individual education and training accounts for newborns, guarantee current workers the means to attain a fundamental literacy level, and encourage regional development authorities (Daily Labor Report, page A-1). Commission members -- which include two former labor secretaries and two former secretaries of education -- warn that U.S. workers are lagging behind in the technical and creative skills needed in 21st century jobs. The United States spends the second-most money on education among developed countries, but ranks in the middle or worse in math, science, and language skills, said Charles Knapp, chairman of the 26-member panel. The commission urged restructuring of the U.S. educational system with a goal of having most students college-ready at age 16. Teacher pay would be restructured to attract more applicants from among the top third of college graduates.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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Unadjusted percent change to Jan 2007 from:

	<u>Jan 06</u>	<u>Dec 06</u>
U.S. City Average		
All Items	2.1%	.3%
Food & Beverages	2.4%	.9%
Housing	3.0%	.6%
Apparel	.9%	-2.2%
Transportation	-.8%	-.5%
Medical Care	4.3%	1.0%
Recreation	1.0%	.2%
Education & Communication	1.8%	-.2%
Other Goods & Services	3.5%	.8%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	1.2%	.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis.

Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

As of 3/18/2007

The Department of Workforce Development Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. *Wage Demand* provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants define as their wage expectations.

County/Region	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Benton	\$32,948	\$20,800	212
Carroll	\$23,342	\$20,800	500
Cass	\$24,479	\$20,800	1,231
Clinton	\$25,468	\$20,800	862
Fountain	\$25,761	\$22,880	299
Howard	\$24,900	\$20,800	3,515
Miami	\$25,963	\$20,800	1,683
Montgomery	\$23,841	\$20,800	691
Tippecanoe	\$24,146	\$20,800	3,556
Tipton	\$25,711	\$22,880	444
Warren	\$23,077	\$20,800	91
White	\$25,511	\$20,800	728
EGR 4	\$24,929	\$20,800	13,812
Indiana	\$27,648	\$20,800	161,081

REGION 4 APPLICANT POOL

As of 3/18/2007

<u>Job Titles</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>
Cashiers, General	1,313
Administrative Assistants	959
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,183
File Clerks	973
General Office Clerks	1,436
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,040
1st Line Supv : Production	1,122
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,240
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,116
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Oper	1,192
All Other Machine Operators	2,618
Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assembly	956
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,381
Machine Assemblers	1,186
Assemblers (Factory Work)	5,820
All Other Hand Workers	1,863
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,500
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,647
Production Laborers	4,446
Production Helpers	1,626

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R & A
Research & Analysis

Carol Williams, Regional Market Analyst in Economic Growth Regions 9 and 10 is retiring this month.

The analysts serving the different regions are being realigned to provide continued coverage for each region. Economic Growth Region 4 will be covered by Deani Purvis. She has been with DWD since 2001 as a Labor Market Analyst with the Industry and Occupation Projections Unit. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Labor Studies from IU Kokomo.

The enclosed map provides contact information for the new re-alignment.